

**TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI  
Request for Special Temporary Authority [STA]**

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**Background**

The Town of North Providence is the lead agency in a multi-jurisdictional, multi-site 800 MHz trunked radio network operating in Providence County, Rhode Island. This regional system, which is referred to as the "Northern RI System", will cover approximately one-third of the State of Rhode Island. This network is integrated via controller with the Town of Narragansett 800 MHz system. The Town of Narragansett's 800 MHz system, referred to as the "Southern RI System", is currently authorized and operational at ten sites. In the near future; however, both systems will become one statewide 800 MHz for local and state public safety agency communications under the auspices of the State of Rhode Island State Police.

Due to grant funding time constraints, the North Providence system has been purchased and installed, but not operational due to lack of FCC authorization.

After several months of delays, the Town received approvals [under separate cover] from NPSPAC Region-19. It then proceeded to complete FCC Form 601, which was submitted for frequency coordination, and then subsequently filed with the Commission on October 31, 2006. A waiver requesting relief from the 800 MHz licensing freeze was also submitted with the application. The file number is 0002793436. Unfortunately, the FCC did not act on this license application because of the 800 MHz application freeze.

**Action Requested**

By this submission, and pursuant to Section 1.931 of the Commission's rules, the Town of North Providence, RI respectfully request that the Commission authorize an Special Temporary Authority [STA] to install 800 MHz trunked transmitters at three of its five locations using the "old" NPSPAC frequencies that were previously approved and coordinated. This is critical, as this action would extend seamless coverage statewide for both the Northern and Southern Systems.

Grant of the requested STA authorization of the proposed station would clearly serve the public interest. The Commission's action would enable Rhode Island public safety officers a critical tool in providing mission-critical delivery of services to its citizens and public officials.

We understand that the STA is assigned in a secondary non-interference basis. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, the Commission is respectfully requested to grant the relief requested herein.